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Applicant has reviewed the foregoing documents and wish to thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance and Fee Due. However, Applicant is hereby requesting for continued examination. A check in the sum of \$740.00 is enclosed. (Check no. 9040 )

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Applicants is resubmitting the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on August 7, 2002 for the examiner to review. This prior art has not been signed off by the examiner.

Applicant is also resubmitting the Formal Drawings mailed on June 10, 2002. The Formal Drawings have not been accepted by the examiner.

1        Applicant is also resubmitting a better and clearer copy of the  
"Expansion Jack Washer" as a non-patent prior art which was submitted on  
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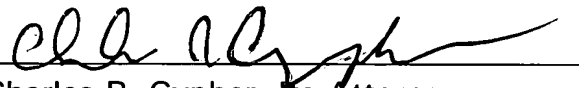
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Finally, Applicant is submitting a new prior art U.S. 2002/0131845  
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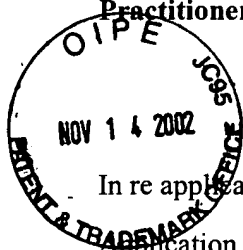
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